GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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WORKING OF INDIAN TROOPS UNDER STRESS AND STRAIN IN KASHMIR
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `How Stress taken its toll in the Valley` appeared in Indian Express dated January 21, 2000;

(b) if so, the facts of the circumstances reported therein; and

(c) the effective measures proposed to be taken to remedy the situation and to minimise the increasing complaints of jawans about their tension and fatigue?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): Some stress related incidents have occurred in Jammu and Kashmir where counter insurgency operations are going on.To reduce the number of such incidents greater emphasis is being given to stress management. Continuous efforts are made like planning proper relief programme, constant education and close interaction between commanders and the troops to keep the combat stress level to the minimum.